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**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**

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An act to amend Section 2890.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 831, as introduced, Lowenthal. Telecommunications: mobile telephony service.

The Public Utilities Act defines "mobile telephony service" for the purposes of that act. Other existing law regulating telephone corporations requires a provider of mobile telephony services to provide subscribers with a means by which a subscriber can obtain reasonably current and available information on the subscriber's calling plan or plans and service usage, and on the subscriber's text messaging and Internet usage and charges. That subscriber information provision includes by reference the act's definition of mobile telephony service.

This bill would delete the cross-reference to the act, and, instead, set out an identical definition of mobile telephony service for the purposes of the subscriber information provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2890.2 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 2890.2. (a) A provider of mobile telephony services, ~~as defined~~
- 4 ~~in Section 224.4,~~ shall provide subscribers with a means by which
- 5 a subscriber can obtain reasonably current and available

1 information, as determined by the provider, on the subscriber's  
2 calling plan or plans and service usage, including roaming usage  
3 and charges.

4 ~~(b) On or before January 1, 2007, a~~ A provider of mobile  
5 telephony services shall provide subscribers with a means by which  
6 a subscriber can obtain reasonably current and available  
7 information, as determined by the provider, on the subscriber's  
8 text messaging and Internet usage and charges.

9 (c) Each provider of mobile telephony services shall inform  
10 subscribers at the time service is established of the availability of  
11 the information described in subdivisions (a) and (b) and ~~how the~~  
12 *manner in which* it may be obtained.

13 (d) *For purposes of this section, "mobile telephony service"*  
14 *means commercially available interconnected mobile phone*  
15 *services that provide access to the public switched telephone*  
16 *network (PSTN) via mobile communication devices employing*  
17 *radiowave technology to transmit calls, including cellular*  
18 *radiotelephone, broadband Personal Communications Services*  
19 *(PCS), and digital Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR). "Mobile*  
20 *telephony services" does not include mobile satellite telephone*  
21 *services or mobile data services used exclusively for the delivery*  
22 *of nonvoice information to a mobile device.*